

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 1, 2021**

Council Members M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President; Michael Blue, Vice-President, Jerry Donald, Kai Hagen, Jessica Fitzwater, Phil Dacey and Steve McKay were present for the meeting.

Also present were Ragen Cherney, Chief of Staff, County Council; Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Sarah Ambrosio, Recording Secretary; and Nancy Luna, Executive Assistant, County Council.

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. virtually via video conference.

Opening Statement from Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer provided an opening statement at the start of the meeting. Included in that statement was a welcoming to the Legislative meeting for Tuesday, June 1, 2021 and information on how to watch and participate in the meeting. President Keegan-Ayer called roll and a quorum was established for the meeting.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action on the Agenda

Council Member Michael Blue moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Public Comment was heard from:

- None

Business Items:

Budget Adjustments

- J-21-307 – Workforce Services, Office of Economic Development

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Budget Adjustment J-21-307 as

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presented. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

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District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Approval of Minutes from May 11, May 18, and May 25, 2021.

Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve the minutes from May 11, May 18, and May 25, 2021, with the correction of the minutes from May 18, with the vote reflecting the Adoption of the Tax Levy Ordinance for July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, passing 6-1. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Council took a break from 5:45 p.m. to 5:55 p.m.

Establishment of the Master Trust Agreements for the Frederick County Employees Retirement Plan and the Frederick County Uniformed Employees Retirement Plan

Rick Harcum, Chief Administrative Officer, provided information to the Council on the Establishment of the Master Trust Agreements for the Frederick County Employees Retirement Plan and the Frederick County Uniformed Employees Retirement Plan.

Council Member Michael Blue moved to approve that the County Executive sign the updated Trust Agreements naming Chief Financial Officer, Lori Depies as the Plan Trustee. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

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Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

2020 Fall Cycle - Water and Sewer Plan Amendments

Tim Goodfellow, Environmental Planner, Livable Frederick Planning & Design Office, Planning & Permitting Division presented information to the Council on the 2020 Fall Cycle of Water and Sewerage Amendments.

Those that were giving testimony for this issue were sworn in by Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer.

A public hearing was held, as duly advertised, on the 2020 Fall Cycle Water and Sewer Amendments.

WS 20-07

Public comment was heard from:

- None

Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve Water and Sewer Case WS 20-07 – Spring Ridge Business Center, to reclassify the 4.2-acre property described from the S-5 category to the S-3 category. Council Member Michael Blue seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

WS 20-08

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Public comment was heard from:

- Patrick Schemp

Council Member Michael Blue moved to approve Water and Sewer Case WS 20-08 – Cromwell Heritage, LLC, to reclassify the 160-acre property described from the Planned Service (water and sewer) category to the W-4, S-4 categories. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 6-1.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay		X	
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

WS 20-09

Public comment was heard from:

- None

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Water and Sewer Case WS 20-09 – Division of Planning & Permitting, to add the name of the new Division of Water and Sewer Utilities to the Water and Sewerage Plan. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

WS 20-10

Public comment was heard from:

- Tim Sartwell
- Ryan Bainci

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Water and Sewer Case WS 20-10

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– *Division of Planning & Permitting (Shuck properties), to reclassify the properties described from the S-5 category to the S-3 category. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Council took a break from 6:50 to 7:00 p.m. in order to hold an advertised bill hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing:

To Consider Amended Bill No. 21-06 – Small Business Advisory Commission

Council Member Phil Dacey provided information to the Council and public on Amended Bill No. 21-06 – Small Business Advisory Commission.

Public Comment was heard from:

- None

Council took a break from 7:20 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to then complete the public hearings on the 2020 Fall Cycle Water and Sewer Amendments.

WS 20-11

Public comment was heard from:

- None

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Water and Sewer Case WS 20-11 – Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware, Inc. (Skycroft), to reclassify the 350-acre property described from No Planned Service (water and sewer) to the Multi-Use Water and Multi-Use Sewer classifications. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present

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District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Public Comment was heard from:

- None

Council Member Comments:

Council Member comments were provided.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President
County Council